



**AFTER FINAL PROCEDURE - PLEASE EXPEDITE HANDLING**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 30, 2004,  
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being  
attached hereto, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Attachment:** A copy of GRACIE et al., *J. Clin. Invest.* (1999)  
reference is attached following page 11 of this paper.

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